

# **Final Rule – Renewing Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses – Environmental Review**

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# Background

- Scoping initiated in August 2020, 7 years after the last revision cycle (2013)
- Staff submitted SECY-21-0066 – July 2021
- Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM)-SECY-21-0066 directed the staff to develop a new rulemaking plan – February 2022
- Staff submitted SECY-22-0024 – March 2022
- SRM-SECY-22-0024 issued in April 2022
- Proposed Rule published on March 3, 2023 ([88 FR 13329](#))
- Public Comment Period ended on May 2, 2023

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# Status

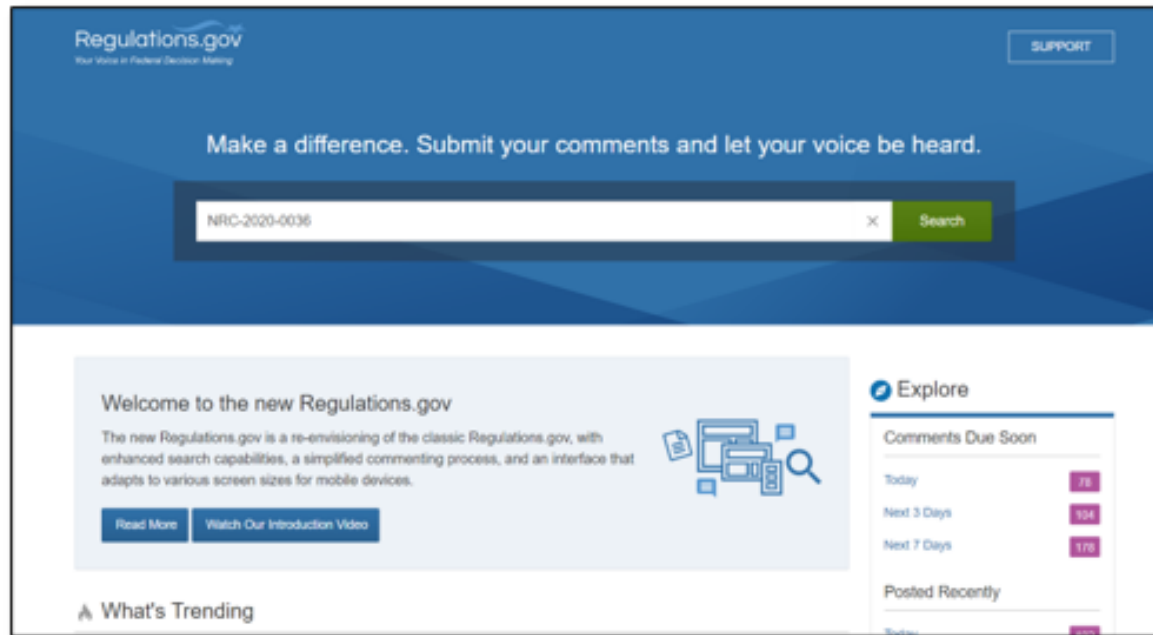
- More than 1800 campaign comment documents
  - ~45 unique comment documents
- Staff is analyzing comments
- Final Rule
  - To Commission – December 2023 (est.)
  - Publication – May 2024 (est.)

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# Summary of Proposed Amendments

- Codifies the revised Category 1 (generic) conclusions of the draft revised LR GEIS in Table B-1 in Appendix B to Subpart A of 10 CFR 51
  - Conclusions have been expanded to specifically account for SLR (one term), initial LR and other new information since the 2013 LR GEIS
- Revises Table B-1 to account for lessons learned, knowledge gained, and experience from environmental reviews performed since development of the LR GEIS, Revision 1 (2013)
- Updates 10 CFR 51.53 and Table B-1 to reflect new scientific data, and changes in environmental regulations and impact methodology regarding the assessment of potential environmental impacts of nuclear power plants
- Make conforming changes to § 51.53(c)(3) and § 51.95(c)

# Where to Find Information



Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>  
and search for docket ID **NRC-2018-0296**

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